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***ENZI PRAISES JULY JOB CREATION; 5.5 MILLION NEW JOBS
CREATED SINCE AUGUST 2003***

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Mike Enzi (R-Wyo.), Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, today praised the strength of America's economy as it continues to create new, higher-paying jobs. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today that payroll employment increased by 113,000 in July.

"Today's announcement reflects a strong economy nationwide," Enzi said. "I'm pleased to see the creation of so many new high paying jobs and more opportunities for America's working families."

Under Republican leadership, the U.S. economy has created 5.5 million new jobs since August 2003, including 2.2 million in the last year. It has also resulted in 35 months of sustained job creation, including a 3.9 percent jump in hourly earnings in the past year, dramatically improving the standard of living for many Americans by keeping more money in the pocketbooks of small businesses and working families.

"The growth in hourly earnings and the increase in high-paying jobs are proof-positive that the programs we have in place are working," Enzi said. "They also underscore the need for Congress to finish work on the Workforce Investment Act and the YouthBuild program, both of which will provide job training and retraining for Americans so they gain the necessary skills to obtain higher paying jobs. These programs are too important to working families, businesses, local communities and our nation's economy to delay. Moving forward with a Conference Committee on the Workforce Investment Act should be a top priority for the House and Senate when Congress reconvenes in September."

Enzi also encouraged his colleagues on both sides of the aisle to further strengthen the economy by controlling spending and reducing taxes, a pro-growth policy approach that will continue to create economic growth and lower the deficit.

“We must continue to work on legislation that will keep money in the hands of our nation’s businesses, workers, and families, not in the hands of bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.”

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